

**Council Meeting.**  
The city council held a long and interesting session Monday evening. The regular routine business was transacted. The petition of Dr. Kendall and others asking for a light to be placed at the intersection of Washington and 17th streets was received and referred to the Water & Light Committee. The petition of Sam Kellam and others asking for lights to be placed on Frey street at its intersection with 12th, Lakin and Park received the same treatment. The petition of the property owners in Block 134 protesting against the laying of sewer pipes in said block was laid over as the block is not included in the sewer district. The matter of walks on 10th street was referred to the improvement committee, as was also the matter of street crossings at 12th and other streets. The improvement committee was ordered to advertise for bids for fifty crossings. A new ordinance to govern the speed of autos and motor cycles was ordered drawn, to conform to the state laws. Those contractors who have had curbs and gutters that were out of repair, were ordered to get busy on the same and have them fixed, as the ordinance provides.

There has been a great deal of complaint from residents of 10th street that their property would be greatly damaged if the plan of putting the south side drainage ditch on 10th was carried out, as 10th is higher than the streets for several blocks on either side. The ditch at present is built on 10th from the east part of town to Stone street, and a resolution was passed by the council asking the city engineer to make an estimate of the cost and feasibility of running the ditch north along Stone to 12th street and thence west. Report will be made at the next meeting and if the plan is advisable and will not cost more than to continue on 10th, will probably be adopted. The cost of both plans will be considered.

The following bills were allowed:

Putnam, meal tickets.....	\$ 16.00
Gt. Bend W & E Co., water and lights.....	154.50
F. A. Moses, fees.....	11.60
Tribune Pub. Co., pte.....	62.30
E. C. Cole, city atty.....	28.50
F. H. Hitchcock, marshal.....	60.00
J. W. Shields, labor.....	9.20
C. M. Mote, rent, chairs.....	1.00
Theo. I. Ahm, labor.....	1.00
A. A. Wemmergren, sal.....	75.00
J. E. Knight, sprinkling.....	50.00
Geo. Heizer, police.....	60.00
C. A. Pelter, rent.....	4.00
Trade Ptg. Co., books.....	23.50
J. Shively, labor and material.....	5.55
Wm. Torrey, appraising.....	6.00
Ira Brougher, same.....	12.00
L. P. Aber, same.....	6.00
J. W. Barry, labor.....	45.75
P. Cooperider, curbing and crossings.....	245.86
F. A. Moses, paid orders for street work.....	24.00
Lyman Dodge, sec. fires Democrat Ptg. Co., pte.....	62.00
F. A. Moses, sundries.....	3.00
F. A. Moses, pauper transportation.....	1.90
E. Price, street work.....	46
Chas. Phine, same.....	80.00
A. S. Kinsly, same.....	42.00
Ira Stortz, same.....	1.50
M. Isenagle, same.....	1.50
J. E. DeMotte, janitor.....	3.00
M. Weirauch, rebate act. erroneous ass'mnt.....	.75
	38.25
	19.05
Total.....	\$1155.17

**DRAINAGE ACCOUNT.**

Great Bend H. & I. Co., wire.....	5.00
Great Bend W. & E. Co., water.....	2.50
H. & H. Grocery oil.....	1.00
Patton & Fankhauser, coal.....	30.05
Sherer-Titus Lumber Co., five rolls felt.....	3.50
E. R. Moses, mdse.....	1.40
A. D. Crawford, sand.....	8.16
F. F. Hillyer, supt. 5 weeks pay roll.....	2147.47
R. A. Charles, cement.....	2321.00
A. H. Miller, time keeper.....	72.00
W. K. Palmer Co., eng., 10 per cent of labor and material.....	8378.44
Total.....	\$4970.57

**SEWER ACCOUNT.**

F. F. Hillyer, sup. eng.....	150.00
F. A. Moses, city clerk, paid assets.....	162.55
Bash & Gray, paid on est.....	6500.00
Bash & Gray, same.....	6500.00
Trade Ptg. Co., books.....	16.75
Total.....	\$13329.30

REPORT OF THE	
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At the close of business, September 1, 1910	
RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts \$464,577.05	Capital \$ 50,000.00
Overdrafts 1,692.63	Surplus and Profits 22,105.59
U. S. Bonds 75,000.00	Circulation 50,000.00
Premiums on Bonds 2,000.00	Dividends Unpaid 240.00
Real Estate 20,996.98	Deposits 698,668.86
Furniture & Fixtures 2,500.00	
Due from U. S. Treas 254,247.69	
Cash and Sight Exchange 5821,014.35	
	\$821,014.45

I hereby certify the above statement to be correct.

ED. L. CHAPMAN, Cashier.

DIRECTORS

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**Live Stock Letter.**  
Kansas City Stock Yards, Sept. 5.  
Last week was satisfactory to the selling side in the cattle market, the general market making a net gain of 10 to 15 cents after a bad start on Monday. Demand was strong from all the killers, who filled big orders, though protesting that stocks of dressed beef are heavy. The run today is 22,000 head, moderate for a Monday in September, but held down somewhat by the fact that today is the Labor Day holiday. Most of the cattle bought on Monday by the packers are killed on Tuesday, anyway, so the Labor Day adverse influence on prices is mostly fiction.

Trade is fairly active today, and prices are steady to a shade lower, mostly steady. The had feature today is a heavy run at Chicago, and lower prices there. The stocker and feeder trade is developing fast, outgo to the country last week nearly one third of total receipts of cattle here, and the percentage taken to the country for the next six weeks will run nearly 40 per cent of the total receipts here in that time, according to the present outlook. Rains lately have further helped late corn, though it will need some hot days yet before it can stand a frost. Prime native fed steers are few and far between, tops here lately at \$8.00 for loads, odd head at 15 to 25c higher. Greenwood county grass and corn steers sold up to \$7.45 last week, as good as any time this season, and straight grass steers bring \$4.05 to \$5.75, grass cows \$2.75 to \$4.60, corn and grass heifers \$5.25, choice fed heifers up to \$7. Both cows and calves are falling behind other years supply, and prices are correspondingly firm for them. The best veals bring \$8. Stock steers are 50 cents lower than a few weeks ago at \$3 to \$4.75, feeders holding firm at \$4.25 to \$6.25. The hog market advanced 33c net last week, which makes a total of \$12.25 per hundred, on an average, in the last four weeks. Heavies have gained more than that, and lights less. Runs are so light that packers have no time to fight the market, but have to scramble to get a decent

proportion of their orders filled. Wild predictions are being made as to the September market and some go so far as to say that top prices last spring will again be reached. At present the market is as high as at any time since last April. Run is 35,000 today, market 5 to 15 higher. Lights at \$9.60 to 77, medium weights, \$9.50 to 70, heavies \$9.35 to 55.

**Better Agricultural Methods.**  
A lot of nonsense is being talked and written by the Republican newspapers about "better agricultural methods." Self interest of course, prompts every farmer to do everything that he can to get the best crops possible, and no incentive is stronger than self interest. There are many things that farmers would like to do that events prevent them from doing, and there are things which they do that they wish they had left undone. It is so with every business and with everyone. If the hay had not been cut this morning the rain would not have spoiled it, but who is wise enough to tell what the fickle weather will be? If it had not rained for weeks in the spring the cotton and the corn would not have been so weedy, it would have been possible to have worked it in season instead of having to wait until other crops needed attention. If it had not been for the drought the crops would have been better, but the farmer is not a rainmaker and has to accept the weather that nature provides.

When the people get sick of Republican policies and corrupt misrule, some smart Aleck blames it on the farmers, and "the organs" begin to pipe in the same tune and demand "better agricultural methods."

When Insurgents insurge, the same "organs" blame it on the farmers and insist that they have prospered through Republican legislation, although they admit the tariff should have been "more scientific."

Some railroad magnate has a model farm where everything he raises costs twice what it is worth, and even the eggs cost one dollar per dozen, and he thinks the farmers should follow his example of "intensive farming." The

Agricultural Department experts advise the farmers how to improve their soil and stock, but if their advice were followed the farmers would need the treasury of the United States to draw upon and then require an urgent deficiency appropriation, as the experts often do, to make both ends meet.

If the farmers' critics would try their hand at farming, with the present lack of labor and not very efficient at that, they would not carp so much. It is dollars to doughnuts they would admit failure, blame it on the land or the weather, and then resume the old occupation of scribbling on what they don't know about the farm.

The Agricultural Department has just discovered that the farmers ought to raise more potatoes to the acre, and has sent experts to Europe to find out how to do it. What they will learn will be that the climate there is better than here for that sort of crop, and any Pennsylvania Dutchman could have told them so much and it would not have cost them a dollar, when they will spend thousands.

Other countries are sending experts here to discover how we grow cotton, and why it can't be grown as well or better in Asia, or Africa or South America. It is probably a question of climate, for the darkey and the old mule can surely be duplicated in some fashion and there is no great secret in their meanderings.

If you have tried farming you will know that it is no picnic and that through Republican policies all that you have to buy is at trust prices, and for all that you have to sell you must take what some combine will pay. Yes, it is not all fun being a farmer, nor do they all ride in automobiles, though the Republican metropolitan organs and the funny supplements would try and make us believe that the farmers are bigger fools than are other mortals.

For Sale.—Anchor top buggy, looks as good and is as good as the day it was bought. Sold well worth the money. John McMul-len, at the Democrat Office.


**The Tariff Humbug**  
"The case against the Payne-Aldrich Bill is grave and complicated. It perpetuates duties laid forty five years ago as civil war taxes; that is, it compels the people of the country to conduct a large number of their industries on a war tax basis. Many of its schemes are amazing caricatures of the doctrine of protection, made so by open and cynical violation of the protective principle, tricks and swindles hidden in a technical jargon that nobody but an expert can understand—and there is no escaping the conclusion that in most cases this obscurity has been cunningly devised that no one else should understand it."

"The method by which the bill was made is the worst possible. Duties were traded in openly, like horses at a county fair. Although many of these duties effect chiefly the daily life of that great bulk of our population living on incomes, where every

penny counts, they were treated as if they had relation to nothing but politics. And yet while acting with this commercialism, Congress as a body talked as if carrying out conscientiously the principals of Protection. There was never a greater humbug. Logic, consistency, sincerity, all were sacrificed in the making of the Payne-Aldrich Bill. Perhaps the worst of the hypocrisies which characterized the operation was making labor pull the chestnuts out of the fire. It is to pay American wages that we have high duties. Yet nothing is clearer in tariff making today than the utter inadequacy of the duties laid in Lybors name which go to Labor."

—Editorial announcement in the September American Magazine of a series of articles by Ida M. Tarbel shortly to appear in that periodical on the subject of the tariff.

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